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Room rates are as follows: Single accomodation- £11·00 per night. Twin- £7·50 per person per night. 3/4 sharing twin- £6·50 per person/night Children 16 and under sharing with parents, up to 2 per room- £4·50 / child. These rates include Service charge, VAT and full English breakfast. All double rooms in Holiday Inns contain two double beds and there are a limited number of singles.

The standard double room rate at the Holiday Inn is now £22·50 and will be over £25·00 by November.

We do, however, have to follow Skycon's lead and the hotel will require a deposit of half the room rate from con members for room bookings. With the size of major conventions, which we have now reached, this practice will now be common with the necessity for using modern hotels which do general convention & conference business and are capable of housing an entire SF Con. The deposit payable should accompany your hotel booking form which will be sent with PR3 which will contain full booking details.

If you find that you are unable to attend after paying your deposit, we will refund your money providing another booking for your room can be found.

PLEASE do not send deposits for room bookings or request room bookings until you receive the booking forms with PR3 later this year.

THE HOLIDAY INN

This hotel is situated within Birmingham City centre, next to the new ATV studios, near to the Town Hall, Museum & Art Gallery, Repertory Theatre and Rail & Bus Stations. The convention facilities include the Port & Starboard suite which will serve as the main con hall; the Long Splice suite on the 2nd floor will house the Art show; the Wardroom with a floor area of approx 1000 square feet will be the book room and is situated on the Ground Floor with its own direct access for bringing stock in; also on the 2nd floor are the Back Splice & Short Splice suites which will be the Fan room & Video room where there will be a selection of video items (films etc.) on as near continuous showing as possible (depending on trustworthy volunteers to man or woman it); we also have 4 small (18'x12') rooms for which we haven't yet decided a purpose, suggestions welcome. There will be the usual round-the clock bar facilities where I expect most of the fans will set up near permanent residence.

There are, of course, certain additional facilities provided such as a heated indoor swimming pool with attached bar, sauna and solarium (where have I heard that recently ?). Free parking for residents & The Slip Knot Coffee Shop has a wide range of food service available 16 hours a day as well as Cocktail lounge & bar overlooking the Captain's Table Restaurant which will be used on the Saturday for the Banquet.

Apart from the limited number of singles, all rooms are equipped with two double beds; all rooms have private bathroom & shower, radio, colour TV, direct dial telephone (for which you will be billed from individual meters),air-conditioning & heating with individual room controls (which really work), self service tea & coffee facilities and mini-bar (again use of bar will be billed to you when you leave). There are also soft drink vending machines and free ice, one of each machine on every floor.

The Hotel also provide same day laundry and valet service, free baby-cots, hair-dryers & irons are available, a doctor and dentist are on call and there is a well supplied newspaper kiosk.

That seems to be it about our new hotel, if there's anything else that I've forgotten, see further enthralling installments..... yes, there is more to come.

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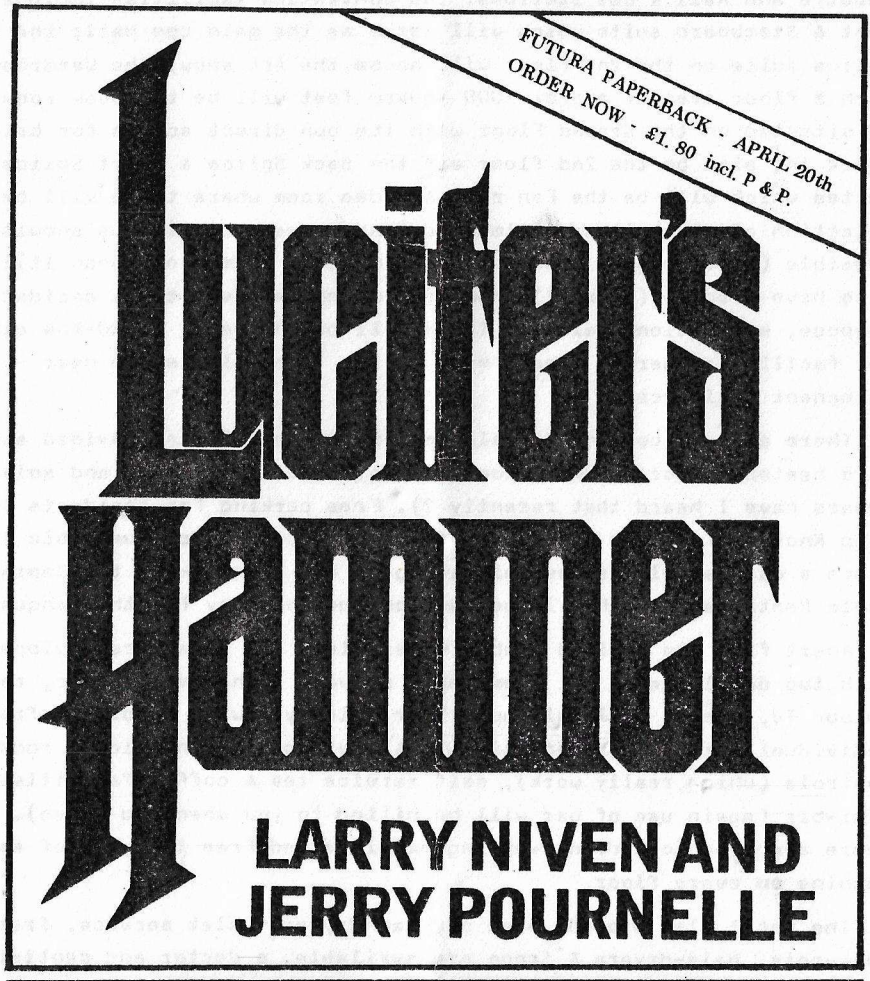

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As we said in the last Progress Report, well PR1 actually, we have got some of the Programme organised but it becomes increasingly difficult to come up with new and original ideas. However we have managed to come up with several brilliant and innovative ideas such as coffee & dinner breaks, the Chairman's address, an Art auction, several films and a Book (hopefully Books) auction.

However there will be star items such as our Guest of Honour talk from Anne McCaffrey and we have Bob Shaw as our Toastmaster at the Saturday night Banquet. Various panels & other items are in preparation for the great week-end and of course we plan to run a series of video items.

Chris Walton is fighting his way through the usual immense tangle of film catalogues and we hope to show such films as 'A Boy and His Dog' & 'Wizzards' but with the usual immense co-operation of film distributors we do not guarantee these will be available. However, this year we will not be able to please Roger Corman fans as we had a "season" of his films at last year's Novacon and would not like to overdo a good thing.

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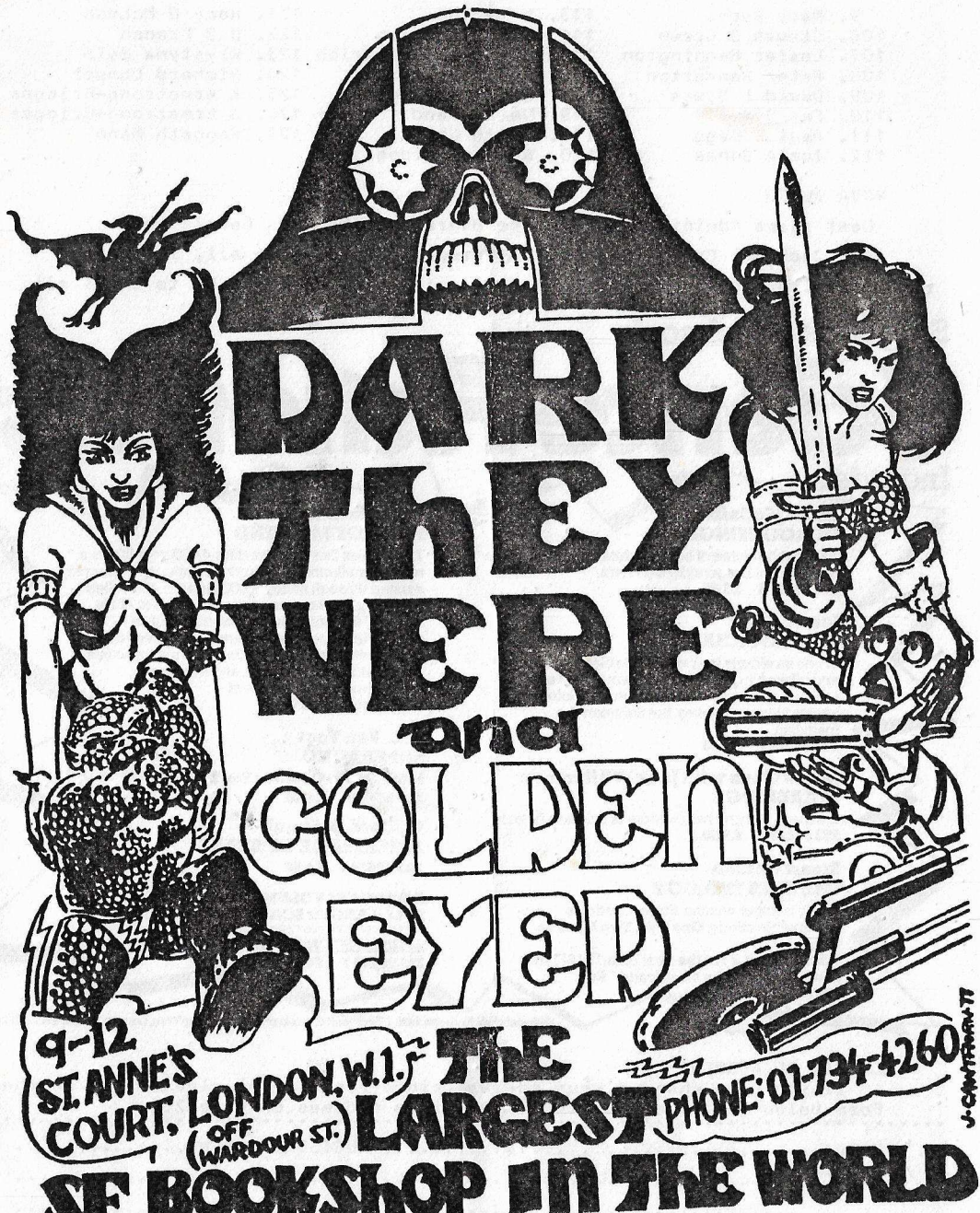
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